Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—There are only very few instances of that kind.

Mr. P. C. Varkey:—Is it a fact that the number of street hydrants has been reduced?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—Yes.

Mr. P. C. Varkey:—Will it not affect the health of the poor?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—I think such reduction is made on very careful consideration by the Municipality.

Mr. A Sivarama Menon:—May I know if the difference between the amount demanded and the amount already given is still a subsisting claim?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—Yes.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon:—What do the Government propose to do?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—It will be collected from the Municipality.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:—May I know on what basis you bill the Municipality?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—The cost is calculated by the cost of establishment, the cost of working and maintenance and depreciation charges.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon:—How is the delay explained? Did the Municipality want time?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—I understand that the Municipality have appointed a sub-committee on this question, and they are waiting to get its report.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon:—Did the Municipality ask for any reduction?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—No.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon:—May I know what the last answer from the Municipality is?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—This was the last answer that they are awaiting the report of the committee.

Medicines brought for inoculation.

296. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of adult doses of the medicine for inoculation brought out so far from 9th September last;

(b) the number used, and its cost;

(c) the number returned as un-used ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—(a). 7000 doses.

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(b) 1200 doses—Rs. 224—8—0.

(c) 4200 doses were returned to the Haffkine Institute, Bombay and 1600 weresent to Kunnamkulam in connection with plague there.

Departmental publication of Text-books.

297. Mr K. M. Ibrahim:— Will the Government state how far they have progressed with their decision to publish Text-books departmentally ?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— The proposal to publish Text-books departmentally is engaging the attention of the Government.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—May I know, Sir, when this subject i. e., the publication of text books departmentally, engaged the attention of the Government for the first time?

Mr. I. N. Menon—I don't exactly remember the date. Some years ago, the question of publishing the text books departmentally was taken up by the Government and afterwards it appears to have been dropped. Then the question was raised again in the Council. Proposals were drawn up and submitted to the Government for the Diwan's consideration and my information is, that orders will be issued on those reports.

Electric scheme.

298. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— Will the Government be pleased to state at what stage the consideration of the Electric scheme now stand?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:— The proposal for taking power in bulk from the Travancore Hydro-electric station is under consideration.

Nadupanthy—widening of.

299. Mr. K. T. Mathew:— Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) what steps have been taken in (i) 1109 and (ii) 1110 to widen Nadupanthy in Kunnamkulam Town; and

(b) whether the amount provided in the last year's budget has been fully made use of for this; and if not, what is the reason for not utilising the amount provided ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:— (a) (i) In 1109 an estimate for the work was sanctioned and steps were taken to acquire all the Sy. Nos. required for widening the Nadupanthy. But Sy. Nos. 1220/4 and 5 of Kunnamkulam village alone were declared for acquisition in the Gazette.

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